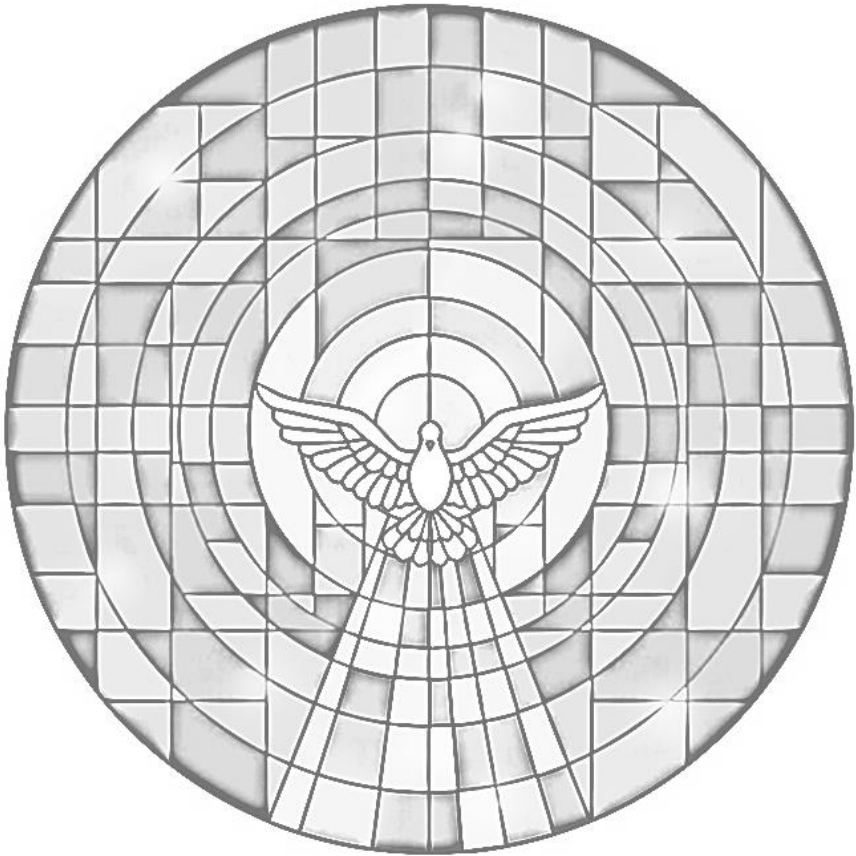


"We believe in the Holy Spirit..."

—The Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed, AD 381



"But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth..."—John 16:13a (NASB)

Valley Grace Brethren Church of Armagh, PA
Sunday, January 16th, AD 2022

The LORD'S Day

The Sixteenth Day of January, *in the Year of our Lord* 2022

Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!

Sunday School—9:30 AM.



Our studies relate to the question of the Christian's civic responsibilities unto the culture and community where God has placed him. Jer. 29:7: *"Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare."*

Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship:* *"Bless His Holy Name"* (#8).

Invocation.*

Hymn: *"Holy, Holy, Holy"* (#55).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: John 16:5-16.

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Hymn: *"The Comforter Has Come"* (#90).

Announcements.

Hymn: *"Channels Only"* (#91).

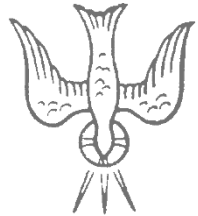
Dismissal of Youth for Children's Church.

Greeting One Another.

Message: *"THE HOLY SPIRIT: WHO IS HE?"*

Closing Hymn:* *"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"* (#28).

Benediction.*



*The Congregation will please arise, if able.

Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study—4:00 PM.



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Today's Verse for Reflection:

"For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him."—Col. 1:16



Week of Jan. 9-Jan. 15

Sunday School—6; Morning Worship—I4

Midweek—3; Church Offering: \$504.⁰⁰

The Church Fathers on the Holy Trinity...

(The Message of the 1st Council of Constantinople, AD 381)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

And [we believe] in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us, humans, and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. He rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

And [we believe] in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

The Holy Spirit: His Genuine Personality

By Pastor Terry L. Reese, Valley GBC of Armagh; Jan. 16, AD 2022

The Historic Grace Brethren Statement of Faith:

Article IV: The Holy Spirit. *We believe in the Holy Spirit, in His personality (John 16:7-15), deity (Acts 5:3-4), and His work in each believer...*

I. The Holy Spirit is Personal—not a mere impersonal “force” or “diffusion of divine energy”—as thought by the heretic Simon Magus (cf. Acts 8:19) or the modern Watchtower.

A. He is assigned the recognizable **attributes of Personality:**

1. **Intelligence**; He has a *mind* (Rom. 8:27 and accordingly, demonstrates *cognition & self-consciousness* (I Cor. 2:11).
2. He has an **Emotional existence**. He can be *grieved* (Eph. 4:30); He experiences & inspires *love* (Rom. 15:30).
3. He has a **Purposive Will**, directing the steps of Believers (Acts 16:6) and distributing Gifts unto men (1 Cor 12:11).
4. He has **Life** (Rom. 8:2).

B. He **acts in accordance with these aforementioned attributes.**

1. He **speaks** (Acts 8:29).
2. He **performs miracles** (Acts 8:39).
3. He **convicts us of sin** (John 16:8).
4. He **intercedes** for us (Rom. 8:26).
5. He **issues commands** (Acts 13:2),
6. He **teaches** (1 Cor. 2:13).
7. He **bears witness** (John 15:26).
8. John 16:13: He **guides** in all truth, *hearing, speaking, disclosing*.

C. He is associated with **personal characteristics:**

1. He **summons** Peter unto obedience (Acts 10:19-21).
2. One can **lie to Him** (Acts 5:3).
3. One can **resist** Him (Acts 7:51).
4. We can **grieve** Him (Eph. 4:30).
5. He can be both insulted (Heb. 10:29) & blasphemed (Matt. 12:31).

D. John 16:13-14: Normal grammar is set aside (*pneuma* is neuter) and the *Spirit* is assigned a masculine pronoun (“*He*”).

E. He relates to other Persons—both Divine and created—as a distinct Personality (cf., John 16:14, Acts 15:28).

F. His association with the Father and the Son would seem most *bizarre* if the Third Member of this Trinity were a mere “power” instead a Person (cf., Matt. 28:19 & 2 Cor. 13:14).